President.—When a motion is in the agenda and it is not moved, we have to record that the motion was withdrawn. Mr. Raja did not move his motion to-day. What is the effect of that? Generally, in all these cases, we make a note that the motion is considered as withdrawn. The only way to look at it is, it is not taken up for consideration to-day. When notice of the motion is given again, we have to consider whether this motion is to be legally admitted under the Rules, or not. Then it is open to the Members to raise a point of order as to the admissibility. These controversial questions need not, therefore, be raised to-day. Mr. Raja said that he did not move his motion to-day. It is, therefore, not taken up for consideration. Now we shall take up the resolutions. I suppose we have finished up to 11. The resolution that we must take into consideration is No. 12 in the business statement of Monday. It stands in the name of Dr. A. G. Menon.

Resolutions on matters of General Public Interest.

12. Supply of printed Proceedings.

Dr. A. G. Menon —Sir, I move this without any speech because many of our people outside this Council, especially in Chittur, do not know what actually takes place in this Council. So I propose without taking any time that "*this Council recommends that copies of the printed (Official) Proceedings of the meetings of the Legislative Council may be supplied to all the Government Offices, the Government High Schools and the Maharaja's College,*" and if you will allow me, I may even add that it may be issued with the Government Gazette.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I second it. I would like to say one word in the matter. The course that is recommended is particularly necessary, so it appears to me, because, as things now are, most of the Departments and most of the officers of the Departments concerned whose conduct is being criticised in the House never happen to know what is said about them. As things stand, unless they are very enterprising, they will not go about and collect this information. There may be censure and there may be praise. Let them enjoy the praise and observe the censure. I would even accept the suggestion that, with every copy of the Gazette, a copy of the Council Proceedings may be given.

President.—There are two amendments, one of Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja and the other of Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I have no objection to accept both these amendments, Sir.

President.—The first amendment is to omit "the Government High" and substitute "Municipalities, Panchayats,

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Bar Associations, Public Libraries, all secondary." Secondary High Schools would include not only Government High Schools but other aided Secondary Schools.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Secondary would mean also Lower Secondary.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I object to that word. Not Lower Secondary, only High Schools, Government or any other. That was my intention. Anyhow we will go on. When the amendment comes we shall consider that.

President.—This is Mr. Raja's amendment.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—I don't move it. There is an amendment by Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar that copies should be given to all those who are supplied with the Gazette. Is the Gazette supplied to all these, to all schools?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Not to Lower Secondary Schools. Only to High Schools.

President.—Even then without that particular portion Lower Secondary Schools will mean only High Schools.

(*The amendment of Mr. C A. Kunjunni Raja was considered withdrwan*).

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I accept Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar's amendment. I made a reference when I moved the resolution.

President.—Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar, please move your amendment.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The amended resolution will read thus:—"*This Council recommends that copies of the printed (Official) Proceedings of the meetings of the Legislative Council may be supplied to all the Government offices, the Government High Schools and the Maharaja's College and to all those who are supplied with copies of the Government Gazette free or for subscription.*"

President.—Who seconds the amendment?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I second this amendment, and in doing so, I would like to point out to the House that a copy should be given as a supplement to the Gazette. As things stand, the only influence that this Council can exercise upon this House is a kind of moral pressure and that influence is left or is secured to our constituents, and it happens in Cochin State that 90 per cent of our people are living in rural areas and they know not what is actually taking place in this Council, especially in Chittur Taluk. How the Members are behaving themselves, how the Government is behaving, to what extent this House has been able to influence the action of the Government, all these things are now a dead-letter to those people who live in rural areas. By publishing this in the Gazette, I honestly think the

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moral influence exercised by this House upon the Government will be augmented, and at the same time the Members will be placed under a little moral control to their constituencies. Because it is for want of knowledge that the wholesome influence which the constituents should exercise upon the Members is lacking and the wholesome moral influence that we should exercise upon the Government is also lacking. The reason why we said that it should be published in the Gazette is, that the Gazette is the only document which penetrates into every part of the State, and further, if these Proceedings are included in the Gazette, I have reason to think that the subscribers to the Gazette will increase. There are no interesting matters introduced in the Gazette except the promotion of the Government officials and things of that kind. I am considering that this is a moderate charge to the Cochin Government Gazette. There will be more subscribers. The Proceedings will be widely known. The beneficial moral influence and the usefulness will be augmented in course of time. These are the reasons that prompted us to request you to publish all the Proceedings in the Gazette as a supplement.

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—Is it not necessary to supply it in Malayalam ?

President.—Is it to be published as part of the Gazette ?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—One book for each subscriber, and all those who are supplied with copies of the Government Gazette.

President.—The resolution never says a word about printing these Proceedings in the Cochin Government Gazette.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—That is not the idea. Along with the Gazette, copies may be sent as supplement.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—In both languages ?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We must send these books to each subscriber. They need not be printed in the Gazette as a supplement. It is enough if you supply them just as you are supplying Acts and other things with the Gazette.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—In both languages?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Preferably so.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That will be a tedious labour. We don't want to ask these things, for Government may try to veto.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—There will be no use if it is in English. In rural parts people cannot understand. Put it in Malayalam in preference.

President.—It may be put in Tamil with special reference to the people of Chittur so that they may understand.

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They have got Tamil teaching, and most of the people are Tamilians.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Tamil and Malayalam. Get an educated man to translate all these things.

President.—Do you wish to speak on this resolution, Mr. Barton Wright?

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—No.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We may hear the Government view.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I looked up the Proceedings of some of the other Councils to see whether a resolution of a similar nature was at any time tabled and discussed. I could not get any help from that quarter. So far as the Government are concerned, Government are supplying every officeand every editor and every public body who are asking for copies of these Proceedings.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—To every office that has asked for these you supply.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I want to suggest that without a request from the offices, Government should give them.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Are they sent to any of the Munsiff's Courts or to any of the Magistrate's Courts?

President.—Have you got the list? How many copies are distributed free?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I shall read out the names.

1. The Devaswam Commissioner, Trichur.
2. The Superintendent of Registration, Trichur.
3. The District Judge, Trichur.
4. The District Magistrate, Trichur.
5. The Tramway Engineer, Chalakkudi.
6. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Trichur.
7. The Secretary to the Princes' Conference, Trippunittura.
8. The Chairman, Municipal Council, Trichur.
9. The Chairman, Municipal Council, Chittur.
10. The Chairman, Municipal Council, Mattancheri.
11. The Editor, "The Sathyanatham,' Ernakulam.
12. The Editor, "The Sahodaran", Cochin.
13. The Editor, "The Lokaprakasam", Trichur.
14. The Editor, "The Yogakshemam", Trichur.
15. The Editor "The Malayala Desabhimani ', Trichur.
16. The Editor, "The Sudarsanam", Trichur.
17. Mr. Satchit, Representative, Associated Press of India, Cochin.
18. The Hon. Secretary, Cochin Journalists' Association, Cochin.
19. The Registrar of the Chief Court, Ernakulam.
20. The Anjikaimal District Judge, Ernakulam.
21. The Superintendent of Anchal, Ernakulam.
22. The Chairman, Municipal Council, Ernakulam.
23. The Secretary, Legislative Council, Ernakulam.
24. Judicial and Legislative Department, Huzur.
25. The Huzur Records.
26. The Government Archaeologist, Trichur.

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27. The Editor, 'Kudiyan Patrika', Kunnamkulam.
To all Members of the Council and the President.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Not one Munsiff's Court, not one Magistrate's Court.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—They don't correspond with the Diwan direct. They can get it from the District Court.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—No school, not even the College.

President.—Not even for the Public Libraries.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—It is high time that it is done. Public offices should certainly get.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I want to say a word. Every officer, every editor and every public body that have asked for copies of these have been supplied by the Government. Before it is supplied, there must be a demand. That is what the Government think.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Every officer who applies for a copy of the Gazette should be supplied.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Have you any objection? Then why not accept?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—You say all public offices. Will it include Village Panchayat, Canal Offices, Anchal Offices, etc.? Should all these offices be supplied with a copy?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—A copy of the Proceedings of the meeting of this Council should be supplied wherever the Gazette is supplied.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Many of these Panchayat members do not know English.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Copy of the Proceedings must be included as an appendix to the Gazette or a supplement to the Gazette if to supply a copy of the Proceedings is found difficult.

President.—What is the present strength of the subscribers?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—368.

President.—How many copies will be required to supply all offices?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—840 copies will be required. In British, Proceedings are only supplied to the important offices, and that practice we are following.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Why not take the lead in this particular instance?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Before the War every office in the British parts was supplied with a copy of the Proceedings. On account of the paper scarcity during the War, they stopped this practice. (*Hear, hear.*)

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—As to the Hon'ble Member for Planters' remark, there is no village in the State which cannot speak English or which cannot understand English.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I an very glad to hear it. It is a sign of progress.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I don't know whether the school libraries will accept all these. I do not know whether it will be passed by the Text-Book Committee?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Why is the Council Secretary placing unnecessary difficulties in the way?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I am only placing facts before those who are prepared to think about this matter from its various aspects.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—For that we shall bring another resolution, if necessary, requesting the Director not to force students not to read the Proceedings. This is not a great honour for the Council Secretary to bring in all this sort of criticisms.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There is nothing objectionable in the Proceedings for prohibiting students from reading them. It deals only with the politics of the State. When they come out of schools, should they not know at least something of the politics, or do you want them to be mere mummies? Let them exploit the whole thing and grow physically and mentally fit to take up the responsibility whenever they are called for.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—I tabled the amendment to the motion adding that if necessary the Proceedings may be translated into Malayalam for people who do not know English. When I hear that there is no village which does not know English I have no objection in deleting that clause.

President.—Do you consider it necessary?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government do not consider it necessary.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I move that the question may be put to the votes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I second it.

President.—Is it a closure motion?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—No.

President.—The question before the House is that "*This Council recommends that copies of the printed (Official) Proceedings of the meetings of the Legislative Council may be supplied to all the Government Offices, the Government High Schools and the Maharaja's College and to all those who are supplied with copies of the Government Gazette free or for subscription*".

Question put and agreed to.

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